

February 13, 2018

BY ELECTRONIC MAIL

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Re: You Public Records Request

Dear Mr. Knox:

This letter is written in response to your request for records under the Massachusetts Public Records Law, G.L. c. 66, § 10. In your email sent January 30, 2019, you requested the following:

1. “A copy of all files and communications relating to marijuana retailers' applications to begin selling recreational marijuana in Somerville, Cambridge or Boston from 2016-2019. In particular, I am looking for city guidelines and zoning ordinances related to the sale of recreational marijuana, and for communications regarding the approval of licensed recreational dispensaries or any obstacles to their approval (zoning issues, etc.).”
2. “I am also specifically looking for files and communications regarding Sira Naturals, the first retailer to have its recreational license approved, and any issues the company has had with municipalities that have caused a delay in the approval of its recreational sales.”

Response to Item 1

After a diligent search, the Cannabis Control Commission (Commission) has identified no records responsive to your request in its possession, custody or control. Please be advised that municipal records regarding city guidelines, zoning ordinances, and communications regarding zoning issues may be available from the municipalities mentioned above.

Response to Item 2

After a diligent search, the Cannabis Control Commission (Commission) has identified no records responsive to your request in its possession, custody or control. The Commission does not possess files or communication regarding Sira Naturals and issues that caused delay in the approval of recreational sales between the company and a municipality. These records may be available from the specific municipality you are interested in.



In Closing

If you object to this response to your request, you may appeal to the Supervisor of Records in accordance with G.L. c. 66, §10A(a). In addition, you have the right to seek judicial review by commencing civil action in Suffolk Superior Court pursuant to G.L. c. 66, §10A(c).

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Andrew Carter'.

Andrew Carter, Esq.

Records Access Officer